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I hereby certify, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1), that each item of information contained in this Fourth Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Fourth Information Disclosure Statement.

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Documents **BR – BT** are cited in a Notification of Reasons for Rejection in a counterpart Japanese patent Application. A copy of the Notification of Reasons for Rejection and an English-translation is attached hereto.

A concise explanation of relevance of the items **BR – BT** listed on form PTO/SB/08 is in the form of an English language copy of the Notification from a foreign patent office, issued in counterpart application, which refers to the relevant portions of the references.

English-Language abstracts are provided for documents **BR – BT**.

Documents JP 04-245135-A, JP 10-294077-A, JP 2001-068011-A, JP 2000-243217-A, JP 11-195371-A, and JP 2000-223006-A are also listed in the Notification of Reasons for Rejection but were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 21, 2005.

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